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1. Pete Scoville telephoned to say that he would like to outline his space requirements with someone, and I arranged to have [REDACTED] get in touch with him.

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2. [REDACTED] called to ascertain the status of our review of the recent "Conflict of Interest" Regulations. I told him that since Larry Houston had been tied up with the Powers's Board of Inquiry he had not been able to do much on it but that I hoped it would be completed soon. (I advised Larry of this call and of the necessity for completing the job as quickly as possible.)

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3. I talked to [REDACTED] about two recent cases in which without his knowledge a representative of the WH Division brought a request for my signature for an advance of \$70,000 to \$75,000. In both instances, there did not appear to be adequate justification to wave an administrative plan and the purpose for which the funds were needed was quite inadequately explained. I told [REDACTED] that I expected him to get on top of this situation and that he and [REDACTED] should endorse these proposals and probably bring them to me personally rather than allow them to come by some messenger without their knowledge or approval.

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4. [REDACTED] brought a proposed cable to [REDACTED] which originated in the NE Division having to do with the recent hassle which one of our auditors had with the Chief of Station. I called [REDACTED] and told him that I would not concur in the cable and asked him to consider a dispatch which I had concurred in earlier.  
5. Bert reported that [REDACTED] were going to handle the audit of Project DE- [REDACTED] however, the Audit Staff did not plan to give them any specific guidance. I asked him to get in touch with [REDACTED] without delay and to make sure that the instructions he was sending out to his Branch in [REDACTED] were adequate to cover our needs.  
6. Bert also acquainted me with several exchanges of correspondence between headquarters and [REDACTED] and his retirement and various entitlements. I told him that I wanted him to have the maximum allowable under the law but that I did not feel we were in a position to stretch this to suit his personal convenience.

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7. I had lunch with [REDACTED] who seemed somewhat concerned about the uncertainty of the business of the Commercial Staff. He said that [REDACTED] really hasn't taken very much interest in the Commercial business and that while he knew he would enjoy working for [REDACTED] hasn't gotten too deeply into it either. Three of his best people have been assigned to the [REDACTED] of DPD, and Bob [REDACTED] wasn't interviewed by the Reorganization Committee. All in all, he is fearful that the

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CM Staff is going to go down hill. He wasn't complaining and said that he knew he would enjoy working with [REDACTED] very much but did hate to see something which he had worked on since 1956 slide into the state of ill repute which it enjoyed at that time. I told him that I would try to mention this to Dick Helms at some time and also that I might mention it to Kirk; however, it might be too late to arrange an appearance before the Reorganization Committee for him.

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